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Sir:

In response to the Official Office Action mailed July 16, 2003, Applicant responds as follows:



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The undersigned hereby certifies that the attached **AMENDMENT "C" AND NEW FIGURE 1** were mailed to MS AF, Commissioner for Patents, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, with sufficient first-class postage, no special handling, on September 16, 2003, before 5:00 PM, thereby ensuring that such document(s) will be in the hands of the U.S. Postal Service by the close of business this day. Thus, timely response has been made to the outstanding Office Action prior to expiration of the shortened statutory period for the same ending **October 16, 2003**.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which might be required or credit any overpayment of fees with regard to the attached document(s) to Account No. **08-3150**.

Respectfully submitted,

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